

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces Bureau ("Reserve Program") is an integral component of the County's law enforcement efforts. Staffed by more than 800 volunteers, the Reserve Program trains individuals to perform general law enforcement duties. Reserve deputies are duly sworn law enforcement personnel that should be held to the highest standards of ethical conduct in performing their job functions.

While laudable as a program operated by the Sheriff's Department, it is imperative that this program be administered with the utmost of integrity and accountability. This Board needs assurances that clear and transparent procedures are in place to avoid the appearance of impropriety and to minimize the risks to the public, reserve deputies and to the County.

As elected officials, this Board is charged with upholding the public trust and confidence by ensuring that departments respond to the public regarding how County employees and volunteers use public resources and execute their day-to-day functions. Consequently, inquiries by the public regarding County records and taxpayer-funded expenditures related to this program, such as the use of County vehicles and gas consumption, must be answered.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT** this Board request the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to report back to this Board by March 13, 2012, regarding the Sheriff's Reserve Program, including, criteria for selection of reserve deputies, training requirements, risks and liabilities and all operational policies.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT** County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department report back to this Board regarding the refusal of the Sheriff's Department to comply with last year's Los Angeles Times Public Records Act concerning reserve deputies.

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